

THE  
DECLARATION  
AND  
PETITION  
OF

Both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

Presented to the Kings most Excellent  
MAJESTY, June 22.

Concerning the Vindication of Their Fidelity  
Both to KING and STATE

Also 4. Propositions presented to His Majesty,  
The 1. concerning the Evill Counsell about His Majesty and  
the Queen. The 2. concerning the Liturgie of the  
Church. The 3. concerning the High Court  
of Parliament. The 4. concerning the  
whole Kingdome.

Together with the Remedies which both Hou-  
ses presented to his Majesty concerning the aforesaid Pas-  
sages. With many more Remarkable Matters con-  
cerning the Queens Majesty.

Likewise two Motions propounded to the Kings Majesty, concer-  
ning the Queens taking of an Oath in the presence of  
both Houses,

*Ordered by the Lords and Commons that these particulars aforesaid  
mentioned be printed and published*

John Brown Cler. parl

H. Elsing Cler. parl

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DECLARATION

PELTON



**W**E E your Majesties humble  
and Loyall Subjects the  
Lords and Commons in  
this present Parliament assembled, Do  
hereby call God, this Kingdom, and the  
whole world to witnesse, That we have  
ever since our first meeting in this *Par-*  
*liament*, with fidelity to your Majesty &  
the State, with much patience and Con-  
stancy, in respect of the great affronts and  
interruptions, the pernicious Plots and  
attempts wherewith we have bin encoun-  
tered, distracted, and opposed, employed  
our Counsels and Endeavours to main-  
tain Gods true Religion, the Honour and  
Right of your Crown, the peace and safe-  
ty of your Royall person and your King-  
doms, the just Liberty of your people;  
that so we might ease them of their great  
grievances, and present the fears and dan-  
gers yea the eminent ruine and destru-  
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tion which hath bin contrived and fe-  
sted not only in your Court , but even  
very neer your own Person ; And how-  
ever our Liberties have bin invaded,ma-  
ny of our Lives endangered, and such at-  
tempts made upon us, as might have sub-  
verted the very Being of *Parliament*; yet  
have we so kept our selves within the  
bounds of Modesty and Duty, that wee  
have given no just occasion of your Ma-  
jesties absence at this time , nor of any  
offence or displeasure to the queens Ma-  
jesty.

But notwithstanding our manifold  
experience past, and present sence and ap-  
prehension of these principle Distracti-  
ons to the Church and State, with which  
that Religion Her Majesty professeth  
doth abound , have ever bin carefull of  
the Honour and Safety due to Her Ma-  
jesties Person, and so intend to continue  
for the time to come.

And we most humbly beseech your  
Majesty with Wisedome of Compassion  
to behold the miserable perishing con-  
dition of all your Kingdomes , the full  
accomplishment

accomplishing wherof seems impossible to be avoided ; unlesse you will be graciously pleased to joyne seriously and throughly with your Parliament, in removing the Causes, and applying the most powerfull and Sovereign Remedies of those Evills and Distempers which have long held this Kingdome in a Languishing Estate, and now brought it to the last haspe and period of Destruction; for the preserration whereof, acording to the Trust reposed in us, we are bold in all humility and faithfulnessse to present some of these Causes and Remedies to your Princely View and Consideration.

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The Causes of our misery and danger we conceive to be, are these.

I.

**T**He evill Councell about your Majesty and the queen, continually Acting and disposing all Occurrences of State, & abusing your Majesties power and Authority, to the prejudice of Religion, the hazard of the publique Peace, the interruption of Parliaments, the strengthening the malignant party, within the Kingdom, and fomenting Jealousies and discontents betwixt your Majesty & the Parliament, and other Loyall Subjects.

II.

The want of due Reformation of Church-Government and Liturgie now used, the want of a Preaching Ministry, and competent maintenance for them in many parts of this Kingdom.

III.

The violent and frequent Breaches of the Priviledges of Parliament, the often attempt against the State, and malicious Designs, to frustrate the Power and Proceedings of Parliament.

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IV.

*The managing and transacting of the great Affairs of the Realme in private and Cabinet Councils, by men unknown, not trusted by the wisdom of the Law, nor well affected to the publique good of the Kingdom.*

The Remedies which we humbly tender  
to your Majesty are these,

That your Majesty would bee pleased not to entertain any advice or mediation from the Queen in matters of Religion, or concerning the Government of any of your Majesties Dominions, &c.

That for the further securing of the Kingdom in this behalf (being a matter of such great importance for the preservation of Religion, and the safety of the Kingdom) the Queen would be pleased to take a solemn Oath in the presence of both Houses of Parliament, the Forme wherof is to be agreed in Parliament, that shee will not hereafter give any Counsell, or use any mediation to your Majesty, concerning the displacing of any offices or places, or at all intermeddle

in any of the Affairs of State, or Govern-  
ment of the Kingdome.

That your Majest would bee pleased  
to assent to the Ordinance of both Hou-  
ses of *Parliament*, as it were agreed on by  
both Houses, &c.

Ordered by the Honourable House of  
Commons, That this shall be printed  
and published through the whole  
Kingdome, by the Consent of the High  
Court of *Parliament*.

*Joh. Brown Cler. Parl.*

*Hen. Elsing Cler. Parl. D. Com*

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